



Dear Parents,

During the past few weeks the First Graders have been investigating HOUSES and HOMES and have looked at:

- ❖ Homes of humans and animals
- ❖ Why we build houses and why we need shelter
- ❖ How the environment influences the structure of homes
- ❖ Materials that are used to build homes

This week, the children will create a project at home and make a presentation to the class about it. **The presentation should be about 2-5 minutes in length.**

Please encourage your child to practice their presentation at home.

It is a goal that through this practice, the students gain confidence in orally presenting their work in front of their peers.

Please choose just **one of the three options** listed below and the examples are only to give your child ideas.

This homework is for all of the week 3<sup>rd</sup>.-7<sup>th</sup> October and is due in by **Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> October.**

The children will present to their class over the following two weeks.

The 3 homework options are:

### 1. Build a home.

We would like your child to choose a photo of a real house from their country, either one they know or a downloaded typical house of the region. This can then be used as the basis of a design or a model that they make of a house (2D or 3D) and answer the questions on the sheet attached to pathfinder (option 1)

- **Who** would build the home?
- **What** stages would the building go through? (What happened first, second etc.?)
- **What** is the home made of?
- **Why** are these good materials?
- **Why** did you choose this type of home?
- **What** would happen to this home if there was a flood, fire storm or earthquake?



### 2. You can make a photo collection of important materials and features of your own house.

(Please look at [Mrs. Dwyer's](#) example of her house on the Wiki Pathfinder, see the link above).

- **What** materials are used?
- **Why** are they used?
- **How many** different materials can you find in your house?
- Are they **manmade** or **natural**?

3. Collect pictures from magazines or the internet of a variety of animal and human homes.

- Discuss who lives in this home.
- Where in the world would you find this home?
- What materials are the homes made of?
- Why have those materials been chosen?

Write as much information as you can about each home. The book needs to be between 4 and 10 pages long see example.